

Examiners Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephonic interview with John P. Murtaugh registration no. 34,226 on April 5, 2008. Specification is being amended to clarify claim language.

The application has been amended as follows:

2. **IN THE CLAIMS**

Please replace claims 5 with:

5. (Currently amended) A system for incrementally executing a client/server application, the application executed on a client and a server, wherein the client and the server are in communication over a communication link, the system comprising:
a module for providing a server application component comprising a plurality of server component portions on the server, the server component portions including an initial server component portion and one or more subsequent server

component portions, the initial server component portion having an initial function, each of the one or more subsequent server component portions including a respective subsequent function;

a module for providing a client component on the client, the server application component and the client component forming the client/server application, the client component including a command selector, the command selector having means for generating a parameter for use by the server application component in determining the appropriate server component portion of the plurality of server component portions to load and execute on the server to provide the selected function to the client, the parameter being an initial parameter or a subsequent parameter;

a module for loading and executing an appropriate server component portion from the plurality of server component portions in response to an initial request from the client component for an application function, the initial request including a parameter associated with the appropriate server component portion, the parameter being created at the client; and

a module for loading and executing an additional appropriate server component portion of the plurality of server component portions for an additional request received from the client component for an application function not available from any running server component portion, the additional request including a parameter associated with the additional appropriate server component portion, the parameter in the additional request being created at the client.

Please replace claims 7 with:

7. (Currently amended) A storage medium readable by a computer encoding a computer program for execution by the computer to carry out a method for incrementally executing a client/server application, the application executed on a client and a server, wherein the client and the server are in communication over a communication link, the computer program comprising:

code means for a server application component comprising a plurality of server component portions, the server component portions including an initial server component portion and one or more subsequent server component portions, the initial server component portion having an initial function, each of the one or more subsequent server component portions including a respective subsequent function;

code means for a client component on the client, the server application component and the client component forming the client/server application, the client component including a command selector, the command selector having means for generating a parameter for use by the server application component in determining the appropriate server component portion of the plurality of server component portions to load and execute on the server to provide the selected function to the client, the parameter being an initial parameter or a subsequent parameter;

code means for loading and executing, an appropriate server component portion from the plurality of server component portions in response to an initial request from the client component for an application function, the initial request including a parameter associated with the appropriate server component portion, the parameter being created at the client; and

code means for loading and executing, an additional appropriate server component portion of the plurality of server component portions for an additional request received from the client component for an application function not available from any running server component portion, the additional request including a parameter associated with the additional appropriate server component portion, the parameter in the additional request being created at the client.

Reasons for Allowance

3. Examiner has considered Applicant's amendments and arguments as indicated on pages 10 – 12, of Applicants response dated (03/03/2008), as well as current amendments as identified in Examiner's amendments above and after further review and consideration based on Applicant's arguments, Examiner is hereby placing claims 1 – 8, and 10 – 23 in condition for allowance.

The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

The prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest at least:

"...a client/server application comprising a server application component and a client component, the server application component comprising a plurality of server component portions, and provided on the server, the server component portions including an initial server component portion and one or more subsequent server component portions, the initial server component portion having an initial function, each of the one or more subsequent server component portions including a respective subsequent function; the client application component provided on the client, client component including command selectors, the command selector having:

means for selecting a function available from the plurality of the server component portions; and for generating a parameter for use by the server application component in determining the appropriate server component portion of the plurality of

server component portions to load and execute on the server to provide the selected function to the client, the parameter being an initial parameter or a subsequent parameter...", in such a manner as recited in claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 16 and 20, and as best illustrated by FIG. 2.

Therefore, all remaining claims 1 – 8 and 10 – 23 are in condition for allowance.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chuck Kendall whose telephone number is 571-272-3698. The examiner can normally be reached between Monday-Thursday at 11:30 – 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tuan Dam can be reached on 571-272-3695. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is **571-273-8300**.

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/Chuck O Kendall/

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